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## McGuire General Authorized 2565 Beds 3rd Service Command's Top Hospital

### Neuros'gery To Replace Evac Duties

The addition of neurosurgery as a specialty at McGuire means the installation no longer will handle casualties of all types directly from theaters of operations overseas, Colonel P. E. Duggins, commanding officer, explained today.

"Although we have no official information from the Surgeon General's Office as to the exact date the change-over will take place, it is our understanding that by summer we will be handling neurosurgery and orthopedic surgery cases exclusively," Colonel Duggins said.

Announcement that McGuire would cease to serve as a debarkation installation was made recently at hospital dedication ceremonies by Brigadier General Raymond W. Bliss, assistant surgeon general. The installation has been handling casualties arriving aboard hospital ships at the Hampton Roads Port of Debarkation and specializing, on a small scale, in general and orthopedic surgery.

Neurosurgery is concerned primarily with the repair of shattered nerves in the arms and legs and the restoration of these parts to normal function through surgical repair of injured nerves.

A typical neurosurgery case now at McGuire is Staff Sergeant Lester G. Mainhardt, Jr., of Mt. Airy, Md. Mainhardt, an infantry platoon sergeant, was wounded through the upper third of his right arm, a rifle bullet entering just below the shoulder in front and coming out near his armpit in the back.

The bullet failed to strike a bone, but shattered the radial motor nerve of the right arm, paralyzing and important part of the extremity.

Mainhardt's wounds have healed, and in the near future he will submit to neurosurgery designed to restore the arm to full usefulness. The type of operation will depend to a large degree upon the amount of nerve destroyed by the bullet. Either the two ends of the severed nerve will be sutured together in such a manner that the that the nerve will regenerate or tendons from an opponent group of muscles will be transplanted to take over the function of the paralyzed muscles.

Preliminary steps already have been taken. Through physical therapy, massage and electrical treatment, Mainhardt now is able to move his arm at the shoulder and elbow and to bend his fingers slightly. His wrist, however, is weak and stiff and will remain so until neurosurgery is performed. Even then, it will be a long, slow process before complete mobility is achieved, since nerve tissue regenerates at the rate of only about one inch a month.

Captain Charles A. Via of Clif-

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### Brother, Can You Spare a Dime?



Sgt. Clarence T. Hutchinson, Ward 65, is all-out to lick infantile paralysis. Borrowing a collection box from a nearby wall, Hutch spent three days needling every person he met between the Arcade and the Administration Building. Hutch quit when another dime just wouldn't fit. Total collection—\$267!

### Polio Campaign Nets Over \$700 At Half-way Mark

McGuire's concern for the growing number of infantile paralysis victims is sharply indicated by its contribution of \$721.65 to the March of Dimes campaign so far, according to figures released by Lt. David S. Yoakley, in charge of the drive.

To numerous special activities on the post can be attributed the drive's success as it passes its halfway mark today.

Saturday night's Captain's Dance netted \$120, while a substantial sum came out of the enlisted men's frolic Tuesday night. Frequent jam sessions in the arcade and military personnel office have kept the funds rolling in at a steady pace. Sgt. Clarence Hutchinson's personal collection of \$267 is no small part of the total collected.

McGuire's band will continue its jam session tour, hitting key points in the hospital next week. "The Miracle of Hickory," a short subject featuring an appeal for funds by Greer Garson will play the Post Theatre during the week to further boost the impetus of the drive.

The campaign, from which all proceeds go to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, will continue until February 15.

### War Bond Officer

Lt. Velma R. White, WAC, Registrar's office, has been appointed War Bond Officer, and Miss Irene Wright, Civilian Personnel, war bond clerk, it was learned this week.

Persons interested in opening Class A reservations or Class B allotments for war bonds may contact Miss Wright on extension 205.

—Buy War Bonds—

### 2 New Broadcasts Bring Monthly Total to 14 Shows

Messages from McGuire patients—their battle experiences, their medical progress, their singing and their jokes—will go into Richmond homes via fourteen radio programs each month, beginning next week, it was announced today by Lt. Howard B. Leeds, public relations officer.

Raising the number of broadcasts to its present figure, two new weekly shows will assume air time next week. "Monkeyshines at McGuire," a funfest for patients based on quizzes and practical jokes in payment for incorrect answers, is scheduled for first airing from the Red Cross Auditorium Friday, 7:30 p.m., over WRNL. Warde Adams will serve as quizmaster and chief mischief maker.

Interviews with McGuire patients, as well as organ music by Pvt. Eddie Weaver, McGuire bandleader, will be heard each Thursday, 3:15 p.m., over WRVA.

"Open House at McGuire," continues to supply a high spot in the week's listening. It is heard each Saturday afternoon at 4, WRVA. On the same station, Joe E. Brown's "Okay, America" broadcasts from here on alternating Tuesdays, 9:30 p.m.

### Temporary Hospital Opens at Pickett

A 2,500-bed temporary general hospital will be established at Camp Pickett in the near future, making use of the buildings and facilities of the present station hospital, Colonel Frank B. Lammons, post commander, announced today.

The hospital will care for battle wounded. Remodeling work is already under way to prepare for the reception of the first consignment of patients, Colonel Lammons stated.

### Larger Detachment Moves To New Barracks by Spring

Conversion of existing facilities and construction of additional buildings, authorized by the War Department today, will make McGuire General Hospital the largest named medical installation in the Third Service Command.

Colonel P. E. Duggins, commanding officer, who announced the expansion, said McGuire soon would have a capacity of 2,565 beds, an increase of 800 beds over the present figure. The next largest installation in the service command, Valley Forge General Hospital, Phoenixville, Pa., has 2,509 beds.

The increase in the number of patients which can be handled means also boosting the strength of the officers and enlisted personnel at McGuire. Colonel Duggins said that in the near future the total number of enlisted men would be "increased considerably" and that the Women's Army Corps detachment would soon total 200 members. He said there was no indication as to how many officers and civilian personnel would be added to the current strength.

"The exact date for the start of construction of the new buildings, which will house the enlisted personnel of the hospital, has not been set as yet by the War Department," Colonel Duggins said. "However, it is my understanding that the program will get underway in the very near future, with completion by early spring."

Additional bed space for patients will be made available by conversion of 22 buildings presently occupied as living quarters by enlisted men into wards. The buildings were constructed originally for later use as wards and were used as barracks on a temporary basis.

New living facilities for the detachment will be built on a site to be selected within a short time, Colonel Duggins said. The new barracks will be theater of operations type, with the exact construction not yet decided. The present WAC detachment of about 50 women also will move from present quarters into new barracks.

"The expansion of the hospital's facilities undoubtedly is based upon the increasing number of casualties from overseas," Colonel Duggins declared. "The work here will be started as soon as we are given orders from Washington and will be rushed to an early completion to enable McGuire to continue to fulfill its mission of providing adequate medical care for wounded men."

Conversion of the buildings now occupied by enlisted men at McGuire to wards will be on the basis of 72 square feet per bed, Colonel Duggins announced. He said the space remaining probably would be partitioned off into nurses' waiting rooms, linen rooms, and examination rooms. Besides electric outlets, automatic fire control sprinklers, mechanical ventilation and nurse's call systems will be provided.

The buildings now are connected with the hospital proper by open covered walks. Colonel Duggins said these would be inclosed, heated and sprinklers installed. He said it was likely that, since the walks are of masonry, the inclosing would be

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### Iturbi, USO Varieties Spot Fun Schedule

Jose Iturbi, world-famed pianist of screen, radio and concert stage will appear in McGuire's Red Cross Auditorium Friday at 2:30 p.m., it was announced by the Special Services Officer. Iturbi is in Richmond for an appearance at the Mosque Friday evening.

A snappy USO-Camp Shows variety revue, "Hi Jinks", with professional entertainers from stage, screen and radio, brings comedy, musical novelties, singing and a guitarist team to the Red Cross Friday at 7 p.m. The show is sponsored by Special Services.

Albert and Josephine Contreras, NBC and CBS favorites, will sing hit songs from their native South America including "Besame Mucho," "Amor," and "El Rancho Grande."

John Schirle, m.c., puppeteer and magician presents one of the finest puppet acts to be seen anywhere. Most novel in his bag of puppet-tricks are "The Man on the Flying Trapeze," "The Pluto Dog," "Clown Roller Skater" and "The Juggler."

Saturday, "Together Again," a movie starring Charles Boyer and Irene Dunne will be held for patients only in the Red Cross at 7 p.m.

Parties for patients, promising hostesses, entertainment and refreshments will be taken over the Red Cross tonight and Sunday night.

### Morris Plan Branch Opens Here Feb. 15

The Morris Plan Bank of Richmond will open a branch at McGuire on or about February 15th, bank officials announced today.

The branch will be housed in the bank building now nearing completion off the corridor leading to the Arcade.

Complete banking facilities will be available to any McGuire patient or member of the hospital military or civilian personnel. These services will include checking and savings accounts, travelers' checks, bank money orders, cashiers' checks, issue and redemption of war bonds and stamps, and the initial service for loans—although the negotiation of the loan will come through the main office in Richmond. Initial service means the preliminary application and information blanks will be filled out at the branch here.

Business hours for the bank will be from 10 a.m. to 12 noon daily, and these hours may be extended later to meet requirements of business volume increases.



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## We Are Here to Serve Them

No one knows the whole story on how McGuire's expansion to a 2,565-bed hospital will effect our work, our hours and the living conditions of personal living on the post.

This much all of us know for sure:

1. The fighting fronts are sending home sick and wounded Americans in numbers growing greater every day.

2. With McGuire specializing in orthopedic surgery and neuro-surgery, our hospital becomes a key point in the army's network of healing centers in this country.

3. Come what may, we are all here to bring health and new hope to men who have felt the impact of this war more keenly than any of us on this side possibly could. This is their hospital. We are here to serve them.

And this much, too, we know:

That even with the authorized increases in personnel, our individual jobs will become bigger ones. If they cannot be completed in our present working day we will all work a longer day.

Present shortages in nurses and technical help will become more acute. Paper work in administrative offices will increase proportionately with the new numbers of patients. The mess hall, the laundry, clinics, engineers, recreation help—all will know by their work load that McGuire is the service command's greatest hospital.

## Neurosurgery to Replace Evac Duties

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ton Forge, Va., Army Air Force liaison officer at McGuire, knows all about how long it takes for nerves to regenerate. The main motor nerve in his left leg was shattered by a burst of flak while he was piloting a B-17 on a raid over continental Europe in the fall of 1943, paralyzing his left leg from the hip down. Today, following neurosurgical treatment, he's able to walk with a small brace on his leg.

"It's a tough grind, though," he declared. "Sometimes, back there when they had me in a cast after the operation, I figured I'd never walk again. But now I get around swell, can play 18 holes of golf and even tried a little basketball the other day."

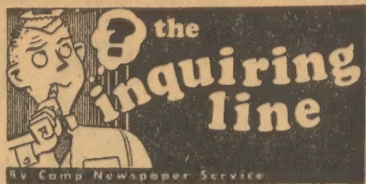
Capt. Via, now back on active duty, spent six weeks in a cast after neurosurgeons sutured the two ends of the sciatic nerve in his leg back together. When the cast was removed, he still had no use of the leg, but as the nerve regenerated gradually and the mus-

cles it controls became alive again, the leg began its slow return to usefulness.

"I can trace the regeneration of the nerve right now," the captain said, "by running my finger along the back of my thigh. I get a tingle in my toes at the point where the nerve is regenerating, but beyond that I can't feel it. The doctors say that as long as I can feel sensation, it means that everything is alright."

The muscles have not all come to life yet in Capt. Via's leg, which requires that he wear a brace with a spring attachment to facilitate walking. He frequently leaves it off, however, and can walk short distances without it.

Neurosurgery is becoming increasingly more important as battlefield casualties increase, since almost any type of wound injures nerves as well as other tissue. Under present plans, McGuire soon will be filled with patients sent from other installations and requiring this type of definitive treatment.



Q. Will you please settle the argument as to how decoration ribbons should be worn? Most discussion seems to center around the Good Conduct Medal and the American Defense Ribbon.

A. We've done this before, but we'll do it again, for what we hope is the last time. AR 600-40 (par. 669) prescribes the manner in which decorations shall be worn. We quote: "The Medal of Honor is worn pendant from the ribbon placed around the neck outside the shirt collar and inside the coat collar, the medal proper hanging over the necktie near the collar. Distinguished-Service Cross (Army), Navy Cross (Navy), Distinguished Service Medal (Army), Distinguished-Service Medal (Navy), Legion of Merit, Silver Star, Distinguished - Flying Cross, Soldier's Medal (Army), Navy and Marine Corps Medal, Bronze Star, Air Medal, Purple Heart, Gold Life-Saving Medal (Treasury Department), Silver Life-Saving Medal (Treasury Department), Good Conduct Medal (Army), Good Conduct Medal (Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard), in that order of precedence followed by service medals in order of the date of service performed, will be worn on the left breast in order from right to left of the wearer about 4 inches below the middle point of the top of the shoulder, in one or more lines. When more than one line is worn, the lines will overlap."

Q. Does the cavalry still maintain mounted troops or is it all mechanized? If they do still maintain mounted troops are OCS applications being accepted for it?

A. There are some units of horse cavalry and, although there is no OCS for horse cavalry, applications are being accepted for mechanized cavalry (armored force).

## Library Notes

America's responsibility to her war veterans should be a topic of grave concern to all citizens. Three books, recently published, dealing with this problem are now in the McGuire Library. Any sober-thinking American looking into the future would do well to read them.

A good introduction to the subject is Dixon Wecter's WHEN JOHNNY COMES MARCHING HOME, an account of the American soldier after three great wars, the Revolution, the Civil War, and the first world war. It consists chiefly of letters and diaries which are quoted from Continentals, Yanks, Johnny Rebs, and dough-boys. Problems after all wars seem to be much the same.

Very different in nature but dealing with the same important question is THE VETERAN COMES BACK, by Willard Waller. Less of a historical study than JOHNNY, it is an analytical discussion of such problems as: the veterans' marital relations, war brides and GI babies, veterans' organizations, his struggle to get a satisfactory job, and many others.

Ways and means of adjusting the veteran to society are frankly and fully discussed by Dr. George K. Pratt, an eminent psychiatrist who has had military experience, in his SOLDIER TO CIVILIAN. Community Service for Veterans: A Guide to Planning and Coordination, the first outline formulated by the newly created National Committee on Service to Veterans, is included as an appendix. Family life, community position, occupational adjustment are some of the topics brought out.

NEW YORK (CNS)—When Johnny comes marching home he will find a famed New York institution missing. The Fifth Avenue Coach Company's old open top buses are going to be sold to Mexico City.

## Year of Service Reached By 2 McGuire Secretaries

A full year of service at McGuire is the goal achieved recently by two civilian employees here—Miss Nina Hansen, secretary to the commanding officer, and Mrs. Helen Kainer, secretary to Lt. Col. Katharine V. Jolliffe, principal chief nurse.

The pair are the first civilians to have reached the year mark here.

Miss Hansen, in addition to her secretarial duties is chief of the stenographic pool and clerical supervisor.

She came to McGuire January 16, 1944 from Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D. C. For five years at Walter Reed she was secretary to Colonel Duggins, who was then executive officer of the army's largest hospital.

Coming to McGuire from campus-like Reed, Miss Hansen recalls, "All I could see was mud—everywhere. Although the buildings were nearing completion, we were located in a farmhouse, where I was able to see Building 403 rise up from a hole in the ground."

Miss Hansen still finds the comparison in appearance of the grounds unbelievable when she

glances out the window.

"The heat in that old farmhouse could hardly be called dependable," she continued. "Once we ran out of oil. Another time a truck ran over the pipe line and broke it. The third time, the heat just died. We never did know why."

"I don't like to think back to it too often," she laughed. "I'm glad it's over."

Miss Hansen has been an army employee since 1921. Thirteen of those years were spent at Walter Reed.

The story of a romance with a sergeant major tells why Mrs. Kainer came to McGuire so early.

The blonde secretary was employed in Walter Reed's Station Surgeon's Office when a tall, handsome assistant sergeant major caught her eye. The hero is now McGuire's top enlisted man, M-Sgt. E. J. Kainer. She was already his wife when the pair moved here on January 15, 1944.

Although Mrs. Kainer was on leave much of the time McGuire was a farmhouse, she still laughs at the memory of officers working at their desks all day in overcoats and gloves.



Try this one some time on your way back from the ABC store:

His wife was a WAVE and he waved at a WAC,  
The WAC was in front but his WAVE was in back,  
Instead of a wave from a WAC it is said  
What he got was a whack from the WAVE he had wed.

She's the kind who loves to whisper sweet nothin' doin's in your ear.

Rookie gags almost have to be invented here at McGuire but leave it to the air corps to provide one. You all know Captain Charles Ashland Via, Jr., whose shoulders, by his own admission are drooping from the weight of those double lieutenant's bars and who, according to his "aide", Sgt. Harry "Rick-enbacker" Gallin, uses that rank to win the daily checker derby. It seems as though the Captain parked his car in a restricted area, only to be confronted by a newly-hired civilian guard who dashed up to tell why and why not. Ever true to the corps, Capt. Via retorted, "I have special permission from General Hap Arnold to park wherever necessary!" John Law apologized and walked on.

## 2565 Beds Authorized

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accomplished by using wood or wood substitutes, with the interiors sealed.

Under the expansion program, McGuire and Valley Forge will be considerably larger than the other two named general hospitals in the Third Service Command. McGuire's increase from 1,765 to 2,565 beds was the greatest authorized. Valley Forge was boosted from 2,009 to 2,509 beds.

Woodrow Wilson General Hospital, Staunton, Va., was authorized to increase its ward space by 500 beds, from 1,440 to 1,940. Deshon General Hospital, Butler, Pa., will be enlarged to accommodate 1,836

beds, an increase of 470 beds over its present total.

The entire program, predicated on transferring all convalescent patients out of general hospitals, necessitates the establishment of additional facilities and the War Department announced that the station hospital at Camp Pickett had been designated as a temporary general hospital. Facilities adjacent to that installation will be established, and conversion of existing facilities at Fort Story accomplished to accommodate additional convalescents.

SAN DIEGO, CAL. (CNS)—Petros Protapapadakis has applied at Federal Court here for a change of name. His new name: Petros FDR Protapapadakis.

## The Wolf

by Sansone

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"You would ask for a match!"



Complaint Department

MG Form No. 010 is headed "Patients Complaints". All patients leaving the hospital are given the opportunity to fill one out.

Colonel Leland W. Skaggs, former patient in Ward 19, apparently is not the complaining type. For on his form, after suggesting that two McGuire medical officers be promoted, he writes, "I have been a patient in several army hospitals during my army career, and it is my opinion that this hospital is the finest in the army. Extreme courtesy pervades throughout the hospital. The commanding officer and all his officers are most efficient and courteous to all."

"I have talked to more than 100 enlisted men and officers who are patients, and they all speak in glowing terms of the treatment received here. Too much cannot be said for McGuire General Hospital."

Tax Experts Here Monday

Two deputy collectors from Richmond's Office of the Collector of Internal Revenue will visit McGuire next week to aid patients and personnel in preparing their 1944 income tax returns, it was announced by CWO L. E. Roffman, Post Adjutant.

The tax representatives will conduct interviews from 9 a.m. Monday, continuing all day and all of Tuesday. They will be located in the room next to the Public Relations Office in the Administration Building.

Their services will be available to military personnel on both days, while civilians needing assistance may see the representatives on Tuesday.

As a general rule, military personnel whose service pay was less than \$2,000 during 1944 will not be required to file a return. That includes roughly, enlisted personnel and officers up to and including the grade of first lieutenant.

Married soldiers who intend to file a joint return with their wives will have their questions answered by the representatives.

The collectors will return here before March 15 if next week's visit provides inadequate time to answer all questions.

Chapel Schedule

The following changes in McGuire Chapel's schedule of services were announced today:

Protestant services will now be held Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Catholic mass has been changed to 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Urgent: Lab Needs Blood Donors Now

Response of McGuire military personnel to the call for blood donor registration has been fair, according to figures released today by Captain Dale A. Van Vacter, WAC, who is in charge of the blood donor roster for the hospital.

"Only four new donors of type A blood have registered since the appeal of last week", said Captain Van Vacter, "and only three new donors of O type."

"Yet these two types are most common to all groups of persons, and certainly in the majority among military personnel of this hospital."

"The response of B type blood donors has been the most encouraging as 14 new donors of this type registered during the past week. AB type donors have not responded as well, since only three new ones of this type have registered."

MAY MEAN LIFE

"The importance of a complete McGuire roster of blood donors of all types cannot be too strongly emphasized," the captain explained. "I feel sure that every military person on this post would willingly volunteer for this vital service in any emergency. But precious moments that might mean life to a patient can be saved if we were to have a complete roster of donors who had been typed by the laboratory in advance of the emergency."

"Our list of blood donors is just sufficient for our present needs, but would be tragically inadequate for any great increase in patient personnel, should more than a very few blood transfusions be needed," Captain Van Vacter pointed out.

"Every member of McGuire military personnel is urged to register at the hospital laboratory as soon as possible so that the required number of blood donors' names may be listed on the roster," the captain concluded.

War Plant Output Soared in December

NEW YORK (CNS)—Substantial gains in the nation's war production program were made during December, 1944, according to the War Production Board, with increases in the critical categories. However, because of stepped up goals, even greater increase must be made during the next few months to meet battle-front needs. Some of the increases of December over November, 1944, include: Aircraft, 32 per cent; heavy field artillery, 12 per cent; tanks and trucks, 11 per cent; 60 mm and 80 mm mortars, 60 per cent.

Any Bonds Today?



Red Skelton claims never to have touched water colors in his life until Occupational Therapy provided him with materials to while away the time between salt water gargles. An hour later up turned a portrait of a service-nervous monkey, above left, whom he ran into in a Portsmouth USO. Equipped with Purple Heart, theater ribbons and Good Conduct Medal, the combat veteran also sports a marksman's medal with a "Goldbrick" bar. Red adds a battle star on a theater ribbon just for luck.

Red's arrival in Ward 2 has snafued usual ward procedures as evidenced above right. Medical technician Mary Ruthstrom tries to read Red's temperature from his cigar, while he puffs away on a thermometer.

Feeling strictly fenced-in, Red tries to evade the tale of woe tacked on Ward 2's door, "Isolation Ward, No Trespassing." But hawk-eye Lt. Estelle Foster, right, was posted outside waiting for just such a trick.

'Everyone's a Kid' is Basis For Skelton's Philosophy

By CPL. BERNARD ASBEL

Red Skelton CAN be serious.

He needn't be cornered between a nurse and a bottle of sulfadiozene to adopt the attitude. A long talk with him will reveal that fundamentally he is as serious and sound a thinker as any soldier in the army.

Twenty-two years of learning how to make people happy—he's still learning, says Red—

have given him a keen sense of values about people, what they want and how they can get it. He has much more to say than "I doo it." What he has to say he believes strongly.

Red has been isolated in Ward 2 ever since coming down with an overworked throat during his tour of wards last week. Not that he went voluntarily on sick call. He didn't have it in him to admit that 198 shows in the past five weeks were enough to get a red-headed Irishman down. But when he opened his mouth in the middle of a gag and no sound came out, a hastily mustered detail carried him bodily to bed.

ALL HEALED UP

Next morning Red announced he was all healed up, ready to go back to his schedule. "Just watch me," he argued with Major Love, ward officer. "I've been chasing the nurse up and down the ward all morning."

"You've been doing that for 24 hours now," asserted the Major.

"I know," Red giggled with the giggle that put him over in a score of box-office hits. "But today I caught her."

Red likes McGuire. He believes a soldier finds here the bit of attention he has missed during his entire army career—during his stay in the induction center, his training, and his combat time overseas until he was wounded. Most impressive to him is the statement on the last page of McGuire's dedication program, "This is your hospital. We are here to serve you." Red finds that spirit a reality here.

"We're all just a bunch of kids," says Red, the comedy disappearing from his steady eyes. "No matter how big a man is, or how much money he can make, or who he can lick in a dark alley, he's got kid in him—a lot of it."

THREE LITTLE WORDS

"I coined three little words which gave America a way to express itself for a year. It had kid-talk in it. When Henry Kaiser was asked to build hundreds of ships, a big man like him came back with 'I doo it.' General Jimmy Doolittle returned from Tokyo saying 'I doo it.' That's when I quit saying it. The phrase had hit the top."

"A soldier needs the kid in him played on, too—more than he gets. It's not going to make a baby of him. It'll teach him to stand on his own feet."

"Take, for example, at the induction center." Red was becoming animated now. "The induction center, I believe, is 88 1/4 per cent of the

reason why guys go AWOL. A poor, green fellow leaves home, looking nearer to Sad Sack than he ever did in his life. You did, and I did. A thousand sergeants and corporals hop on his back, till the poor fellow can't remember right from left.

STILL AN INDIVIDUAL

"But the guy is still an individual. He can't take all of it in one bite. Take the same fellow. Put a sergeant in front of him who says, 'Now your new clothes may not fit just right. If they don't, be patient, men. Thousands of fellows go through here every day. We're doing our job the best we can, just as you're expected to do. If your pants are a little big, the tailor in town can fix them. Or perhaps if you bring them back, the supply room may have time to shape them up right.'"

"And tell a man," Red continued, "In your next few days you will do 18 hours of such-and-such, and you'll be put through this-and-that. It may be a little rough when the day gets to be 15 hours old. But that's the army's way and we're all part of it."

"Tell a fellow what's coming next," emphasized the man who has played in 2800 shows for service men since the war began, "and he'll take more than you ever saw a rookie take."

"And when he gets on the boat, he'll know why. He'll have God in his heart and trust in his loved ones. He'll know it's his army and his war, because he'd been given a chance to make himself a part of it."

MANY ARE BITTER

Red has seen too many men who have become alone, embittered and self-centered. They came in feeling they had to make good, and never found the chance to do it. They needed a little leading by the hand till they were accustomed to the dark. They received none. Now they need more than their share.

"How many soldiers wake up shouting, 'Good morning, fellas'? I still can't lose the habit and I don't want to. Sure, when you come down to it, no one gives a hoot if the next guy has a good morning. But it's a little bit of attention to a buddy and it makes everyone feel good."

"We're all fighting fascism in this army—it's a system we hate and it's worth fighting. Now, let's not make a fellow believe he's coming into a dictatorship when he gets drafted. The army is all of us together. Army regulations, at their roots, are



shaped to help us. Just pull a fellow out of the dark and he'll realize he's in the most democratic outfit any country ever saw."

BASIC IN LINE

Unlike many celebrities now in olive drab, Skelton ducked coddling since his induction. He took his basic training with a line artillery outfit in Camp Roberts, California. He claims to have seen more frustrated sergeants and corporals than McGuire has APC pills. Now that's he's been in nearly a year, he intends to put in for PCS—Private's Candidate School. Someday, says Red ambitiously, he might make Pfc. "A little gold stripe for a little gold-brick."

Red is genuinely glad he's here, glad he's in the army, glad he's temporarily sick. He's glad about everything. It's not good rah-rah publicity with him. It's a philosophy.

"Everything that has ever happened to me or anybody else has happened for a reason. There's a reason why I'm here now, though I may never know it. Good is going to come out of it because out of everything springs some good. When one of us is wounded, The Man Above says to himself, 'I'm busy. I can't look after every one of us. I'm singling you out because I must learn. I have to know whether you're going to throw in the towel or whether you can find a new way of making yourself bigger and greater than anyone has ever been before.'"

GOOD IN EVERYTHING

"Wars are no good, and everyone knows it. But out of this one good can come. Men are dying for a reason. It's our price for learning that there can be good—a trust in our fellow man living in a world of no wars. If we don't learn this time, we'll have to pay the price again perhaps with a higher OPA ceiling. But good will come from it."

"Somewhere today," summed up the man who proves he is not all comedian, "a mother is going to read a telegram. She'll say then, though she may never have said it before, 'My son has taught me that next time a little buzzard with a moustache stands up somewhere, all of us are going to give him a shave.'"

"It's expensive, but it's good."

Not Many Cars Left In the Old Stock Pile

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Of a stockpile of 520,000 new automobiles on hand when rationing went into effect in February, 1942, there will be only 15,000 left when the December quotas have been disposed of to lucky new owners. In pre-war days, 1500 cars was a normal two-day production for sale by the automobile industry.



"We'll have to keep him in the army—he's no longer fit for civilian life."



## Pat Henry Five In Gym Tonight For Doubleheader

The Generals never say die. Tonight, after dragging through a singularly unsuccessful week, the home team in the home gym turns to Webster's definition of "victory" and seeks its practical application against an unsuspecting Camp Patrick Henry quintet. Also on the card, the McGuirettes, who still know what it means to win, take on the Patrick Henry Wac six. The basketball bill begins at 7 p.m.

The damaging—but not dampening—week began with defeat at the hands of Bellwood Engineers last Thursday, 29-15 on the ledger. McGuire had licked the Petersburg Pikers 36-29 earlier in the season. And even the McGuirettes bowed to Bellwood, 22-6.

Friday the Generals hit the road to face DuPont at Waynesboro. But the fare was wasted away with 70-22 beating. After the game, the team dropped into nearby Woodrow Wilson General Hospital, Staunton, for a few vitamin shots and a sack for the night. All pepped up Saturday night, the Generals played a nearly-won game, 37-25, despite the disadvantage of having only six basketballers on tap. Big Bill Cheswick shined with 28 points for both games.

Outshining their male counterparts, the McGuirettes whipped the highly-touted Bams Jewelry team, 24-17, Monday night. The talented hand of Coach Al Bianco was seen in the much-improved ball handling displayed by the McGuirettes. Next week the General face a trying schedule. Monday, Camp Lee visits for a showdown tilt, to be preceded by a McGuirette-Camp Lee Wac fray. Wednesday, the Generals face the Optimist Club in a YMCA league game. Both opponents have previously beaten the Generals. (Note—Who hasn't?)

## Art Competition Deadline March 15

March 15 has been marked as McGuire's deadline for entries in the National Army Arts Contest. Soldier participants may enter oils, water colors, murals, sculpture, prints, landscape designs and photographs. They will be judged for originality, ingenuity and craftsmanship by a local committee of artists and art authorities.

Winning McGuire selections will be forwarded to Baltimore for entry into a Third Service Command exhibition, from which 30 selections will be made to be forwarded to the national competition.

National entries will be exhibited in the National Gallery of Art, Washington, D. C., in July and August, during which time suitable awards will be made to the winners in each class of art.

If conditions permit, service command entries will also be exhibited at Philadelphia, Richmond, Harrisburg, and Pittsburgh.

No limits are placed on subject matter or number of items which may be entered by any individual. All inquiries will be answered and materials provided personnel by the Special Services Office. Patients may obtain materials from Occupational Therapy.

## Post Theater

Week of Thursday, February 1. Shows start at 6:15 and 8:15 p.m.

**Tonight—"KEYS OF THE KINGDOM"** with Gregory Peck, Roddy McDowell & Thomas Mitchell.

**Saturday—"HAVING A WONDERFUL CRIME"** with Pat O'Brien, Carol Landis and George Murphy.

**Sunday—"PRACTICALLY YOURS"** with Claudette Colbert, Fred McMurray and Robert Benchley.

**Tuesday—Double Feature. "HOUSE OF FRANKENSTEIN"** with Boris Karloff and Lon Chaney, and **"THE BIG SHOW-OFF"** with Dale Evans and Arthur Lake.

**Wednesday—"EADIE WAS A LADY"** with Ann Miller and Joe Besser.

## MGH Band Plays Saturday in USO Birthday Dance

McGuire's 12-piece jive band helps pace USO's fourth birthday celebration Saturday night during a pre-anniversary dance at Richmond's USO club, 201 E. Grace Street. The dance will touch off a week of gala events for servicemen at the local club and throughout the nation.

Governor Colgate W. Darden, Jr., will issue a special proclamation Sunday urging all citizens to visit the 68 USO clubs and lounges in Virginia. The birthday will also be marked by special events in the nation's 3,000 USO operations.

Sunday, the official anniversary, will see a cake-cutting in the local club at 5 p.m. to be followed by a refreshment hour for soldiers and their guests. Festivities will begin at 4 p.m. with a variety show featuring service talent from nearby camps, including Pvt. Julio Vittolo, Camp Pickett tenor, and a saxophone quartet from Richmond Army Air Base.

A public forum on inter-faith good will Sunday evening at 7:30 will feature representatives from all three faiths.

## Higginbottom Hits Top With Dervishian Visit

S-Sgt. Davis Higginbottom, patient in Ward 63, received a guest at his bedside Tuesday afternoon—Lieutenant Ernest Dervishian, Richmond's winner of the Congressional Medal of Honor.

The two soldiers fought together chasing the Germans across Africa and up the Italian boot, as members of Co. B, 135th Infantry, 34th Division. Lt. Dervishian was a platoon sergeant while "Higgie" led a squad in another platoon of the same company. The McGuire patient was wounded May 31, eight days after the action which earned Dervishian the nation's highest award and a direct commission.

Lt. Dervishian learned during an hour's exchange of memories that 65 per cent of his company was knocked out of action the day Higginbottom received his wounds.

BUY WAR BONDS & STAMPS

## As I Take Pen in Hand . . .



"I JUST TOLD HER," stammered Pvt. Vic Gallucci, "that her letters were a little short. And look what I got!" And looking at what he got, in a mixture of utter amazement and downright comedy, are Pvt. Jesse Latto, Ludy Minnigh, Rudy Walde and Ralph Phillips.

Gallucci, accustomed to big things on his hands, plays the bull fiddle for McGuire's band.

## 2 McGuire Nurses Assigned to 307th

Captain Julia M. Martin and 1st Lt. Louise Bendl, both among the first nurses to arrive at McGuire, will leave shortly to join the staff of 307th General Hospital. The 307th is commanded by Lt. Col. Michael M. Sheppeck, former McGuire executive officer.

Captain Martin, who will assume the post of principal chief nurse for the 307th, came to McGuire April 13, 1944. She has served here since her arrival as assistant to Lt. Col. Katharine V. Joliffe, principal chief nurse.

A native of Olympia, Washington, Captain Martin was stationed in Tripler General Hospital near Pearl Harbor when the Japanese attacked on Dec. 7, 1941. She cared for the first American casualties to come out of this war.

Lt. Bendl, whose home is in Latrobe, Pa., arrived here April 10, 1944. She has been in charge of training for McGuire's medical and surgical technicians.

## 'Woman in the Street' Plugs McGuire on Air

Pretty Mary Hazen, Information Deck clerk, was leaving Loew's theater the other night, still drying the tears from the last love scene, when a microphone with a man behind it snuck up on her and she bombshelled to fame.

It was Harvey Hudson, WRVA's roving "Street Man" who appointed Mary a possible female counterpart for the much-quoted "Man in the Street." Very public-relations-conscious, Mary sounded off with a hefty plug for McGuire, before she was called upon for an a capella rendition of "Down by the Old Mill Stream."

Mary's husband, Lt. William Hazen, USNR, is now an armed guard officer in the South Pacific, having already served in all three theaters of war.

Help stamp out infantile paralysis! Look for the blue boxes.



By Sgt. Bill Allison

Here's one they tell on Lt. Comdr. Jim Crowley—when Jim was a sophomore at Notre Dame he showed promise as a sprinter before Knute Rockne decided the football team needed him more than track. It was late one night when Jim was down town in South Bend, Indiana, two and a half miles from the campus. He met the university's prefect of discipline, who glanced at a nearby clock which read 11:58, and remarked, "James, do you know you are due back at school in just two minutes?" "Yes, father," replied Jim. "Do you think you can make it?" Rockne asked. Jim pondered for a moment and then drawled, "I'm afraid not, father, not against this wind."

Maurice (the Angel) Filler, the unhandsome French heavyweight, played a sar game at forward for his country's soccer team in the international matches. Opponents claim that the "Angel" frightened them into defeat.

In 1877 a football team consisted of fifteen players and the team kept possession of the ball until it lost it on a fumble.

Manager Joe McCarthy never has relased his rule forbidding his Yankees to smoke a pipe. He still believes a pipe smoker is too contented and lacks aggressiveness.

Did you know—the most popular sport among soldiers and sailors overseas is volley ball? More volley balls have been shipped across than any other single item of sports equipment.

## Arcade Map Idea Rates Week's Leave

That "great minds often run in the same channels"—but not always neck-and-neck—was proven recently by Sgt. Abraham Richmond of McGuire Military Personnel.

Richmond's suggestion box idea—the interesting world map in the arcade—netted him a 7-day furlough. Chief Smith of the civilian guards submitted the very same suggestion, but several days after Richmond's suggestion had been received and given the award.

Mrs. Esther Barrett has been a consistent winner because she has been a persistent submitter. Of the 16 ideas suggested by Mrs. Barrett, three have been prize winners. Her third \$5.00 award was the result of her suggestion for the mess hall program at Christmas time.

"It may be well worthwhile to write ideas into tangible suggestions and submit them to the committee instead of talking vaguely of 'Now my idea is this . . . ' or 'What they ought to do is . . . '," Lt. Velma R. White commented as she told of a number of McGuire hospital members who seem ready to talk about suggestions but do not want to take the few necessary minutes to put them into writing.

"If it's worth thinking about, it's worth writing about, and it may be highly profitable to the author as well as beneficial to the entire hospital," said Lt. White.

## Arcade Query Box Aids Bull Sessions

How is the war going? What gives on the home front? How's production? Are supplies reaching the battle fronts in sufficient quantities and on time? If not, why not? What are the post-war plans for re-employment?

These and any other questions pertinent to the times will be discussed upon written request to Reconditioning Services. Just write question on a slip of paper and deposit it in the box by the news map in the arcade.

The orientation center in the arcade is set up as a clearing house for scheduled bull sessions on any topic of interest as submitted by McGuire patients or personnel.

It is expected that much informative material from first-hand knowledge will be developed from these discussion periods and breeze-batting pros and cons.

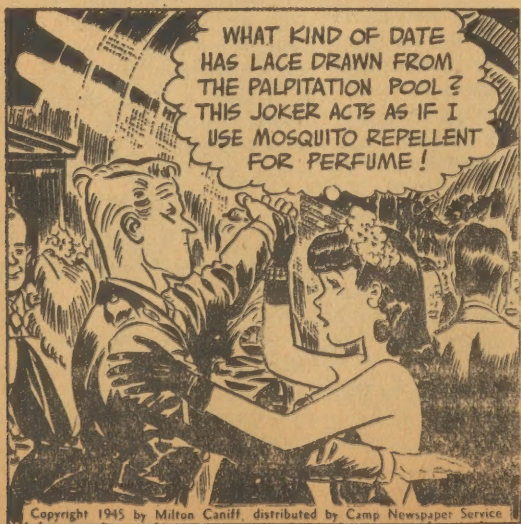
## Program Booklets

A few copies of McGuire's dedication program booklet are still available in the Public Relations Office, Administration Building. The booklet, designed by Sgt. Edward T. Paier, contains the program, a dedication message from Colonel Duggins, representative photographs of the hospital, and a portrait of Dr. Hunter Holmes McGuire.

First come, first served.

## Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



## Is He Trapped Or Is She A Mouse?